



**NEWS RELEASE**

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**The Woodlands Township COVID-19 Update, Sunday, April 12, 2020**

***Township News***

**Help Our Heroes on Monday, April 13, 2020**



Please consider donating materials if you have them on-hand. Your help is greatly appreciated! Collection Days and Locations are Mondays and Thursdays from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., at Central Fire Station, located at 9951 Grogan's Mill Rd., The Woodlands, TX 77380. Please email [pbuck@thewoodlandstownship-tx.gov](mailto:pbuck@thewoodlandstownship-tx.gov) if you can help.

- **Supplies Needed:**

- Isolation gowns
- Gloves
- Masks – N95s, surgical, procedure, etc.
- Hair Covers
- Full Face Shields
- PAPR Hoods – Typically only used when doing an aerosolizing procedure.
- Eyewear – Face shields, reusable goggles or disposable glasses
- Boot Covers / Shoe Covers
- Germicidal Wipes
- Disinfectant Spray / Paper Towels

**Special Board of Directors Meeting**

The Woodlands Township Board of Directors will hold a special meeting via videoconference at 6 p.m. Thursday, April 16, 2020, to discuss the Township's response to COVID-19. Watch the video at <http://www.thewoodlandstownship-tx.gov/778/Meeting-Videos>. Tune in to the link above to watch.



### **Reminder: Parks Are Still Closed**

The Woodlands Township urges all residents and visitors to continue to do their part to slow the spread of COVID-19 and reminds that all Township parks are closed to the public until further notice. "This is an unprecedented time, and we urge Township residents and visitors to abide by the closures for their own safety and the safety of our area," said Township Chairman Gordy Bunch. "We cannot let our guard down in this endeavor."

[Watch a video as Chairman Bunch discusses safety in the parks.](#)

### **The Township's Coronavirus page**

The Woodlands Township's special COVID-19 information page can be found at [www.thewoodlandstownship-tx.gov/covid19](http://www.thewoodlandstownship-tx.gov/covid19). This page now features Montgomery and Harris county Hubs, community resources and updated COVID-19 news from the Federal Government and the CDC. This page also includes the latest news from The Township, updates from partner agencies, social distancing strategies, important links, frequently asked questions, live Twitter feeds and more. Please check back often as it is updated frequently.

### **The Township Coronavirus page, Community Resources link**

Please be sure to visit the Township's new Community Resources link, located on the Coronavirus page. This new section features resources for mental health, self-testing, grocery shopping and safety, child care, how to make your own mask, food banks, hotels that are open in The Woodlands, assistance for business and workers, blood drives and how to get assistance through the United Way. Please visit the page soon! [www.thewoodlandstownship-tx.gov/1491/Community-Resources](http://www.thewoodlandstownship-tx.gov/1491/Community-Resources)

### **Do Good. Feel Good: A Guide to Community Service While Social Distancing**

Looking to make a positive impact during this unprecedented event in our community? Take a look at [how you can help](#) while adhering to CDC guidelines for social distancing.



### **Please Stay Safe! Practice Social Distancing**

For pedestrians using the pathways, please remain a minimum of 6 feet apart. Be sure to stay



to the right, watch for other pathway users, be especially alert when running, and listen for audible signals and allow faster pathway users to pass freely.

## ***Today's County News***

### **Montgomery County COVID-19 Case Count**

As of yesterday, Montgomery County confirmed there were 251 total positive cases of COVID-19, up 6 cases from the day before. Montgomery County will no longer report numbers on Sunday, and will be hiring two additional epidemiologists to its team to help with the increasing number of positive COVID-19 tests.

Details on Montgomery County cases can be found here: <https://mcphd-tx.org/coronavirus-covid-19/confirmed-cases/>.

Montgomery County Office of Emergency Management updates a dashboard for the cases here: <https://coronavirus-response-moco.hub.arcgis.com/>.

### **Harris County COVID-19 Case Count**

As of April 12, 2020 (4:00 p.m.), Harris County Public Health (HCPH) has 68 new cases of COVID-19, which brings the total to 1,505 positive cases. HCPH is also confirming that 371 of its patients have recovered. Harris County lists by quadrants, and the Village of Creekside Park is located in the NW Quadrant, where there are 576 active cases, 207 recovered and 14 deaths. There have been 28 total deaths of COVID-19 in Harris County. None of these numbers include the City of Houston. A full description of the numbers can be found here: <https://harriscounty.maps.arcgis.com/apps/opstdashboard/index.html#/c0de71f8ea484b85bb5efcb7c07c6914>.

## Message of Thanks and Support Lights The Woodlands Skyline



The Howard Hughes Corporation® (NYSE: HHC) is showing its support to medical personnel and first responders on the front line of this current pandemic by lighting up the night sky at 9950 Woodloch Forest Drive, part of The Woodlands Towers at The Waterway, with a message of gratitude. Reinforcing that we are “standing strong together,” The Howard Hughes Corporation has adorned the 31-story, 595,000-square-foot tower at 9950 Woodloch Forest Drive with a large illuminated image of a heart. The tower lighting, a simple expression to share the compassion, respect and sincere appreciation the community feels towards the healthcare personnel and first responders, will continue throughout the current situation.

### Dine Out without Dining In

Visit The Woodlands, the destination marketing organization for The Woodlands, is actively working with The Woodlands restaurants, compiling and updating a list of local restaurants offering delivery or curbside pick-up. View and share the growing list of restaurants here: [www.visitthewoodlands.com/eatlocal](http://www.visitthewoodlands.com/eatlocal).

### Upcoming Blood Drives

Gulf Coast Regional Blood Center will host two upcoming blood drives at the end of April. Every donation can help save as many as three lives. Please see schedule below. For more information, please visit [giveblood.org](http://giveblood.org).

- Thursday, April 23, 2020  
11 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.



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10055 Grogan's Mill Parkwood 2, The Woodlands, TX 77380

- Sunday, April 26, 2020  
7:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.  
The Woodlands United Methodist Church  
2200 Lake Woodlands Drive, The Woodlands, TX 77380
- The Woodlands Neighborhood Donor Center  
BY APPOINTMENT ONLY  
3091 College Park Drive, Suite 130, The Woodlands, TX 77384  
To schedule your appointment, please call: 936-321-8440 or [visit their website](#).  
Special hours April 6 – 19:  
Monday – Friday: 8 a.m. to 1 p.m.  
Saturday: 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.  
Sunday: Closed

**United Way of Greater Houston Helpline and COVID-19 Recovery Fund**

United Way of Greater Houston's 211 Texas/United Way HELPLINE is our community's go-to resource in times of disaster and every day. The 211 Texas/United Way HELPLINE is available 24/7 to connect people with food, childcare, transportation, and other critical information and resources. If you or someone you know needs help, dial 211.

United Way of Greater Houston and the Greater Houston Community Foundation have launched the Greater Houston COVID-19 Recovery Fund to serve our region's most vulnerable neighbors impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic. Learn more and donate to the fund at [greaterhoustonrecovery.org](https://greaterhoustonrecovery.org).

**YMCA Operating as an Essential Personnel Child Care Site**

Located at 6145 Shadowbend Place, The Y is providing a full day of programming, snack and meals for the children of "essential personnel," including medical workers; first responders; select government staff; and grocery store, pharmacy and food distributor employees.

Children, ages 1 - 12 years old are eligible to register. The program runs Monday-Friday, 6:30 a.m. - 7:30 p.m. and features games, arts and crafts, STEAM and literacy activities. [Register online](#). Financial assistance is available.

**Food Banks—How You Can Help**

Local food banks are inventorying their resources to ascertain what will be needed in the days to come. Many Township residents have expressed a desire to volunteer or donate; please see the information below regarding those needs.





- Interfaith of The Woodlands remains open to meet the basic needs in South Montgomery County, including Senior Grocery Delivery, Crisis Assistance Services and Food Pantry Assistance. Hours are Tuesday and Thursday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Curbside services are by phone at 281-367-1230. Donations are being accepted. Please read on to learn how you can lend support to Interfaith.
- Montgomery County Food Bank is conducting a virtual food drive. Please read on to learn how you can help.
- Meals on Wheels has coordinated a food drive to stock the shelves. A system in place to deliver supplies to the most at-risk neighbors, but they need your help to provide the food... because no one deserves to have an empty pantry, especially at times like this. During these times of uncertainty, food insecurity is at an all-time high. An increasing number of seniors are becoming homebound, as the fear of going out and being exposed to COVID-19 continues. [Join the virtual food drive.](#)
- Community Assistance Center Serving Montgomery County is currently providing assistance to residents of Montgomery County with financial assistance for utilities, pre-packaged bags of groceries during Wednesday Markets and is accepting donations. For more information view the flyer.

***Hotlines for health questions and COVID-19***

*Montgomery County: 936-523-5040*

*Harris County: 713-634-1110*

**Free Self-Screening Tool for COVID-19**

Visit the self-screening tool on the CDC website: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html>.

**Tracking COVID-19: Local, Regionally, Nationally, Internationally**

**Below** are the widgets for tracking COVID19.

- [Montgomery County](#)
- [Texas Counties Statewide](#)
- [Texas Department of Health and Human Services Case Counts](#)
- [Global Cases](#)

**Stay Connected**

Please stay connected to The Woodlands Township through our many communications channels. Learn more and sign up at [www.thewoodlandstownship-tx.gov/stayinformed](http://www.thewoodlandstownship-tx.gov/stayinformed).



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*The Woodlands Township publishes this update to inform residents and businesses regarding the COVID-19 and its impact on The Woodlands Township. Please sign up for Township news and notifications at [www.thewoodlandstownship-tx.gov/notifyme](http://www.thewoodlandstownship-tx.gov/notifyme).*